

1-1 By: Button, Madden, Carter H.C.R. No. 130
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Carona)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2011;
1-4 May 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Administration; May 20, 2011, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-8 WHEREAS, In the global economy of the 21st century, the
1-9 establishment of business links to countries outside the United
1-10 States is of growing importance to the State of Texas, and areas
1-11 that figure prominently in this type of development contribute
1-12 greatly to the state's commercial progress; and

1-13 WHEREAS, One especially fertile location for the growth of
1-14 international business is the city of Richardson; long a center for
1-15 computer and communications technology and the site of many
1-16 divisional or regional corporate headquarters, Richardson has also
1-17 attracted more than 30 companies from foreign countries; the firms
1-18 hail from 15 nations around the globe, including Canada, China,
1-19 Finland, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United
1-20 Kingdom; and

1-21 WHEREAS, These enterprises compete in a variety of
1-22 industries; while many specialize in technology-oriented fields
1-23 such as semiconductor manufacturing, telecommunications, and
1-24 software development, others focus on workforce management,
1-25 security, air transportation, and heating, ventilation, and air
1-26 conditioning, among numerous other endeavors; and

1-27 WHEREAS, The city has also been chosen as a base of operations
1-28 for domestic companies that maintain operations abroad; these firms
1-29 further Richardson's involvement in international business and
1-30 allow area residents to benefit from the opportunities available in
1-31 foreign markets; and

1-32 WHEREAS, To build on the city's connection to global
1-33 commerce, civic leaders are opening the Mayor's Office of
1-34 International Business, a partnership between the City of
1-35 Richardson and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, and the chamber
1-36 is also establishing a new Richardson International Business
1-37 Advisory Committee; these initiatives are designed to attract
1-38 investment by companies from other countries, to support locally
1-39 based firms seeking to develop their business abroad, and to open
1-40 new international markets for the city's entrepreneurs; and

1-41 WHEREAS, The Richardson Economic Development Partnership
1-42 also plays a key role in nurturing global business alliances, and
1-43 its work includes hosting delegations from around the world who
1-44 visit North Texas to learn about the area and assess prospects for
1-45 commercial partnerships; and

1-46 WHEREAS, Another factor that makes the city so inviting to
1-47 international companies and business leaders is its thriving
1-48 multicultural character; Richardson is home to people from a broad
1-49 range of backgrounds, ethnicities, and religions and offers a
1-50 vibrant mix of restaurants, specialty stores, and places of worship
1-51 that reflects the diversity of the population; in addition,
1-52 cultural centers such as the Raindrop Turkish House and the Dallas
1-53 Chinese Community Center further the cosmopolitan environment; and

1-54 WHEREAS, With its emphasis on developing international
1-55 business as an important component of the local economy, Richardson
1-56 stands as an admirable model for the way that Texas communities can
1-57 compete and prosper in the decades ahead, and its achievements are
1-58 indeed deserving of special legislative recognition; now,
1-59 therefore, be it

1-60 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
1-61 hereby designate Richardson as the official International Business
1-62 Capital of North Texas.

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